

Murder, Inc. targets LaRouche

Two weeks ago, this review in a cover story "Supergate" revealed how the *New York Times*, the mysterious Office of Special Investigations of the Justice Department, and Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, among others, were conspiring to set up presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. for assassination with a front-page story in the *New York Times* slandering LaRouche and his associates as "Nazis."

The predicted slander has now appeared, although not (as yet) in the august pages of the New York "newspaper of record." The Aug. 26-Sept. 2 issue of the New York City weekly *Our Town*, a "freebie" distributed through banks and other outlets particularly on Manhattan's East Side, carried a cover feature titled "Nazis on the Rise" and describing Lyndon LaRouche as the new Hitler and a "threat to American Jews."

The publication of the slander coheres with warnings from U.S. and Middle East intelligence communities that LaRouche would be identified as one of the world's leading "anti-Semites," and targeted for a George Wallace-style hit by international networks connected to fugitive Knesset parliamentarian Flatto-Sharon, wanted on fraud charges in France.

It is hardly accidental that *Our Town's* incitement to murder hit the streets in the same week that LaRouche's campaign workers opened up headquarters in Manchester, N.H., beginning a campaign for next February's primaries in that state that seasoned political observers think could well become the "wild card" upsetting Council on Foreign Relations plans for a rigged Kennedy-Haig or Kennedy-Connally 1980 presidential contest.

The U.S. Labor Party, of which LaRouche is national chairman, filed a \$20 million libel suit on Aug. 23 against *Our Town's* publisher and editor Edward Kayatt, the purported author of the article by Dennis King, and Manhattan Media Corporation. The party also delivered an emergency complaint to New York District Attorney Robert Morgenthau demanding criminal proceedings against *Our Town* and police protection for LaRouche.

Publisher Kayatt stated that his attorney Roy Cohn was handling the entire affair. It is well known in New York journalistic circles that Cohn controls *Our Town* editorial policy.

Cohn is directly connected to Permindex, the entity linked to the New Orleans Mafia and Division Five of the FBI, that was named by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison as the agency responsible for John Kennedy's 1963 murder. Permindex was also implicated in the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King, and was expelled from France by President de Gaulle for some 30 attempts on his life.

Roy Cohn in 1959 became president of the Lionel Corporation, working with chairman of the board, Joseph Bonanno. Lionel Corp. was

an initiating stockholder in Permindex. Cohn has been attorney for recently gunned-down mobster Carmine Galante, for Joseph, Thomas, and Carlos Gambino, and for Studio 54, the discotheque busted by New York City police as a cocaine depot.

Moreover, as the *New York Times* reports, *Our Town* recently received \$25,000 from John Loeb, Jr. for a big promotional campaign starting with the issue containing the LaRouche slander. Loeb's father is a brother-in-law of Edgar Bronfman. Bronfman family interests are represented in Permindex through the corporation's chairman of the board, Major Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, the Bronfman family attorney.

A book written under LaRouche's direction, *Dope, Inc.: Britain's Opium War Against the United States*, and targeting these merchants of death is well on its way to becoming a trade bestseller. It has catalyzed a powerful national movement to stop drug-running at its highest levels. Now, *Dope, Inc.* wants to hit back, even though in the process it has been forced, for the first time, to admit that LaRouche's presidential bid is a very serious threat indeed.

—Nora Hamerman

The Week in Brief

A new series of Israeli strikes into southern Lebanon has led to growing concern in Washington and throughout the Middle East that an Israeli-Syrian war is in the offing. According to a well-informed Washington source, "Everybody who knows any-

thing in Washington knows that Israel wants to provoke a war with Syria. That is what their tactics add up to in Lebanon. They think they can knock Syria out in a few days and avoid Soviet reaction."

An Arab diplomatic source made

the assessment that "war is inevitable between Israel and Syria if the current minimal Washington restraints on Israel are removed. For now, Washington is using the threat of war to keep the Saudis in line, but soon all bets could be off."

The sources say that southern Lebanon has been transformed into a maze of Israeli-constructed roads and communication grids, including a recently installed radio station for the forces of renegade Colonel Saad Haddad which is broadcasting anti-Syrian war propaganda throughout Lebanon. Israel's raids, according to the Lebanese government, have hit upwards of 40 villages, leaving scores dead or wounded.

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President Sanjiva Reddy has dramatically resolved the lingering political crisis in India by ordering new Lower House elections for late November or December. Reddy's decision came hours after India's 24-day Prime Minister Charan Singh abruptly resigned after losing the support of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party.

Gandhi pulled the plug on Singh when Singh, an avowed ruralist, appointed World Bank-linked politicians to his cabinet in open defiance of Gandhi's growth and technology oriented policies.

The Indian elections will have a far-reaching impact on the Third World, especially on the Indian Ocean littoral states. In next-door Pakistan, the military junta will now be compelled to hold the elections it promised for Nov. 17, and enormous pressure has been generated by Gandhi's sympathy for the junta's chief prodevelopment opponents, murdered Prime Minister Bhutto's very popular People's Party.

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With U.S. influence in the Middle East at an all-time low following Camp David and the recent Andy Young affair, Great Britain is making a bid to pick up the pieces. Arab sources at the United Nations report the existence of a "Caradon plan,"

named after former British U.N. Ambassador Lord Caradon who is the author of Resolution 242. Caradon, currently touring the Mideast, is pushing the idea of a West Bank "trusteeship"—British mandate No. 2—after an Israeli withdrawal.

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And U.S. foreign policy is plummeting in another oil-producing region—this time closer to home, in Mexico, just five weeks before Jimmy Carter and Jose Lopez Portillo are due to meet for their third summit. The target of Mexican ire this time was the lies about U.S.-Mexico gas negotiations circulated by the State and Energy Departments.

Columnist Joseph Kraft, a well-known Foggy Bottom conduit, reported that Lopez Portillo had met with U.S. Ambassador Patrick Lucey and agreed to a specific price level of \$3.40 per thousand cubic feet in exchange for U.S. "concessions" on undocumented worker and trade issues—only to then disavow the agreements.

In an official communiqué Aug. 17, the Mexican Foreign Ministry stated that *no* accord was near because the United States was refusing to seriously discuss pricing formulas; that it is "completely inexact" that Lopez Portillo would accept a specific price rather than Mexico's formula for pricing tied to the equivalent price of imported oil; and that "it is likewise totally false" that the Mexican President "should have suggested or accepted" linking gas prices to issues such as undocumented workers or trade.

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During a short "working meeting" in Poland, West German Chancellor Schmidt achieved what the Italian press called an unprecedented quality of discussions between an Eastern and a Western European country. Schmidt and Gierek agreed to the concept of regular top-level meetings and established "a close interdependence between economics and politics."

Schmidt sees the stability of the entire region and especially East Germany as tied to that of Poland, and hence offered credits to help ease Poland's critical economic situation (see ECONOMIC SURVEY). The joint communique called the deepening of economic ties "of fundamental importance for all aspects of ... bilateral relations."

Another key topic of the talks was the Vienna MBFR disarmament talks. According to Italian press, Schmidt wants to capitalize on Poland's history of promoting European disarmament that goes back to the early 1960s Rapacki Plan. Schmidt told Gierek that if the Warsaw Pact agrees to reduce its arms buildup, European NATO members may be able to avoid committing themselves to a nuclear modernization program.

Bonn sources say the Schmidt government is strongly committed to making progress on the MBFR talks.

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An open fight surfaced in the Colombian press this week between and opponents of legalizing drugs as "cash crops." Colombia's two leading dailies interviewed Fausto Charris, Colombia agrarian-labor leader who became internationally known during his recent U.S. and Mexico tours for his aggressive organizing against legalizing marijuana production and consumption (*EIR*, July 10-17). Charris told of the formation of a National Anti-Drug Coalition in Colombia and plans to convene an international conference against drugs in Bogota next November

A three-page feature was simultaneously carried in the Colombian paper *El Tiempo* praising the U.S. pot lobby's *High Times* magazine as "the only U.S. media that gives favorable coverage to Colombia, even if it is about our marijuana." *High Times* is planning to reciprocate—by publishing an exclusive interview in its November issue with banker Ernesto Samper Pizano, Colombia's leading drug legalization advocate who is currently in the United States as a State Department guest.